



Ventura County
Chapter of the
**California Special
Districts Association**
Building Community, Making Connections

Newsletter

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President's Message

Year in Review

Dear VCSDA members,

This past year with the Ventura County Special Districts Association has been both fun and highly informative, offering members valuable opportunities to learn, connect, and explore the work being done across our region. Highlights included a fascinating presentation by Elena Brokaw on the historic "water rights murder," as well as engaging tours of Calleguas Water, the Port of Hueneme, and McCrea Ranch. We also enjoyed insightful discussions on community partnerships with Jim Friedl, transportation with Martin Erickson, which included a Gold Coast Transit bus tour, and an opportunity to learn about Channel Islands National Park led by Superintendent Ethan McKinley. We will wrap up the year with one of our most anticipated experiences: a tour of state of the art Fire Station 35 followed by a discussion about the Ventura County Fire Department at their new headquarters in Newbury Park.

As we reflect on a year filled with meaningful experiences and strong connections, we look forward to continuing this momentum. With my two-year term as president concluding in February 2026, I encourage others to consider stepping into this role and carrying on the proud tradition of leadership within VCSDA.

Sincerely,

Nellie Cusworth

Nellie Cusworth, President
Ventura County Special Districts Association



The California Special Districts Association 2026 Conference is heading to Palm Springs August 24 – 27. This annual gathering brings together professionals from across the state to connect and strengthen the essential services our districts provide to our community.

For members of the Ventura County Special Districts Association, attending the conference is especially worthwhile. It offers a chance to stay informed about the latest legislation and operational strategies that directly impact our districts. With a wide range of educational sessions, there is something for everyone.

The conference features networking events, panel discussions, and workshops that encourage collaboration and idea-sharing. Attendees can exchange insights with peers facing similar challenges and bring fresh ideas back to Ventura County.

My favorite part of attending the conference is the opportunity to build relationships within VCSDA. The relaxed setting of Palm Springs adds to the experience, offering time to connect and have fun together.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your district and strengthen our local network. I hope to see you all there!



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